

ImmPact

ImmPact: Maine & New Hampshire's Immunization Information System

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Here to help you and your children stay healthy.

ImmPact is a new computer system that will help doctors and nurses all over Maine and New Hampshire keep track of the shots that they've given to their patients. This brochure will help explain more about ImmPact and what it can do for you and your family.

What will ImmPact do?

- Keep track of all the shots a patient has gotten and who gave them.
- Send reminders to patients when they are due for shots.
- Print out a complete shot record for patients or their parents for school, daycare and camps.
- For kids, ImmPact can also remind parents when it's time for a checkup.

Why is this important?

The list of shots people should get to stay healthy is getting more and more complicated. We need a tool that will help everyone keep up. We want at least 90% of our population to get the shots they need on time.

How will the information in ImmPact be used?

For the patient...

- To keep a patient's shot record in one place
- For a doctor's office to see what shots are needed to keep a patient healthy.
- For the doctor's office to print out letters to remind the patient when it's time to come in for a shot.
- For the doctor's office or health department to call patients that need shots if there's a disease around.

For the community...(the information will have nothing that can identify the patient)

- Put together with other patients' records for the community and state to see the overall rates for an area.
- Provides data used to determine immunization status to develop specific services, outreach and educational programs.

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- Provides evaluation data to monitor implemented services, outreach and education programs.

What can ImmPact do for me?

- Remind you when it's time for another shot to stay healthy.
- Always keep a copy of your shot record when you start at a school, daycare or camp.
- Keep track of the shots you've had when you want to travel to other countries.
- Help your doctor's office keep you healthy.

Who can access my record?

Access is very limited in ImmPact. Your doctor and those in their practice can see your entire record. Other doctors can see only the shots you got and only if you give them enough information to match your record exactly.

These people can see a summary of all the data, but not your individual record:

- State Programs
- Managed Care Organizations
- Researchers

Do I have to be a part of ImmPact?

Patients may choose not to be a part of ImmPact. But your doctor's office thinks it's a good idea for your health and is choosing to be a part of it. Becoming a part of ImmPact gives your doctor the tools they need to help keep you healthy.

Can I see my information that's in ImmPact?

Patients can get a copy of their record from their doctor's office or by sending a notarized letter with a copy of identification to the New Hampshire Immunization Program. (Rules are being established to outline how this is done.)

If I decide to join now, can I change my mind later?

You can choose to leave ImmPact at any time by telling your doctor's office. However, you will no longer get reminders when you or your child are due for shots.

How can I find out more about ImmPact?

- Ask your doctor's office
- Contact the NH Immunization Program